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*In re* Patent Application of: )  
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Serial No.: 10/528,893 ) Examiner: H. J. Lilling  
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For: MICROBIAL PRODUCTION OF VITAMIN C )

New York, New York  
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION INCLUDING AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed June 11, 2007, which set a three-month shortened statutory period for response. Accordingly, this response is filed timely upon mailing, with an executed certificate of mailing, on or before September 11, 2007. 37 CFR § 1.8. No fee is believed to be due. If it is determined that a fee is due, please charge such fee to Deposit Account No. 02-4467. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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Please amend the application as follows:

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**REMARKS** begin on page 5 of this paper.